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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PREMISES AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS DURING THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

1. The present circular describes additional arrangements that will be in effect at Headquarters for admission to the premises during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

Closure of the garage

2. The garage will be closed for parking at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 21 September 1996, for security inspection, and will be reopened for authorized vehicles at 6 a.m., on Monday, 23 September 1996. All vehicles must be removed until the reopening of the garage is authorized. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

3. During the closure of the garage, arrangements have been made with the New York City Police Department to permit members of delegations, staff and affiliates to park their vehicles as follows:

(a) East 34th Street to East 40th Street along First Avenue;

(b) East 34th Street to East 40th Street between the FDR Drive and First Avenue.

4. Valid United Nations parking decals and garage parking permits should be displayed and will be honoured by the New York City Police Department.

* Personnel Manual index No. 13113.

5. ALL VEHICLES ENTERING THE GARAGE ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH.

Closure of First Avenue

6. The New York City Police Department has informed the Secretariat that it will close the section of First Avenue in front of the United Nations from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 September 1996, to accommodate the motorcades of dignitaries. Members of delegations, staff and affiliates, upon presentation of their grounds passes, may cross First Avenue at either 42nd, 45th or 49th Street. The crossing point at 45th Street will be particularly congested, and it is therefore recommended that all pedestrians use the other two crossings. Furthermore, First Avenue will be closed to ALL pedestrian crossing between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. During this time, the only entry point to the premises will be through the 48th Street entrance to the garage. Therefore, MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS, STAFF AND AFFILIATES ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ARRIVE BEFORE 9 A.M. It may also become necessary to close the three street crossing points temporarily at various times throughout the day. United Nations security officers will be posted at those three check-points to assist the police in identifying members of delegations and United Nations staff.

7. Such closings may also be necessary on short notice on other days during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly. To the extent possible, efforts will be made to inform the staff in advance of planned closings of First Avenue.

Access through the Delegates' entrance

8. In order to enhance security during the period of the general debate, the gate at 45th Street and First Avenue and the Delegates' entrance will be strictly reserved for use by members of delegations. Staff members and affiliates are requested to use other access points.

9. The present circular should be read in conjunction with information circular ST/IC/1996/53, dated 20 August 1996, which provides information on arrangements for admission to the premises, as well as parking, catering facilities and commercial operations during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.